(c) what follow-up measures are being taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTHS AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Government had appointed a National Commission on Self-Employed Women and Women in the Informal Secotor, which submitted its report in July, 1988.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House. (*See* below)).

(c) Recommendations are under consideration.

Statement

The main recommendations made in the report are as follows:—

(i) All data collecting efforts should enlarge the definition of women workers to include all socially productive and reproductive labour paid and unpaid performed within the home or outside as an employee or on own account.

(ii) The Mahila Mandals need to be energised which could provide a network throughout the country through which women could be organised.

(iii) At least 50 per cent of the development plans should flow to women in view of their contribution to family income and national income.

(iv) The women should be given control over assets, which can make their economic ventures viable in the long term.

(v) 30 per cent reservations in training programmes should be made for women.

(vi) In the State Governments, the responsibility for planning, coordinating, monitoring, evaluation of women's programmes should be entrusted to an officer of the rank of Financial Commissioner.

(vii) Setting up of an exclusive credit for women, which should be effectively linked with voluntary agencies.

(viii) Alternative channels for providing marketing outlets for women need to be explored like consumer societies, cooperative societies, super market, State Emporia etc.

(ix) The right to employment should be made a fundamental right and this should be coupled with a right to a reasonable wage.

(x) Setting up of Equal Opportunities Commission with teeth to oversee the implementation of laws and policies involving women.

(xi) Establishment of Tripartite. Boards on which workers will have as many representatives as the Government and employers with women workers getting representation in proportion to their numerical strength.

(xii) Setting up of a Central Fund from which welfare and social security measures for women could be financed.

(xiii) Providing Child Care and Supportive services to women.

(xiv) Measures for sensitisation of administrative machinery for bringing women into the mainstream of development.

Fewer Tourists from Russia due to lower hotel capacity

2304. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to shortage of hotel capacity as well as air capacity, tourism between India and Soviet Union has been affected and is likely to lead to stagnation in a few years;

(b) what is the number of tourists from India and Soviet Union who visited each other's country during the last three years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to boost tourist traffic between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The number of tourists who visited India from Soviet Union during the last 3 years are as given below:

Tear	Number	%change
1985	14,202	—
1986	17,069	20.2
1987	27,968	63.9
1988 January-June	16,334	37.5*

*As compared to the corresponding period of previous year Statistics of Indian tourists visiting different countries including Soviet Union are not being compiled. Shortage of hotel capacity in India has not adversely effected the inflow of tourists from Soviet Union to India as is evident from the rising trend of tourist arrivals.

(c) The Festival of India held in USSR and the Festival of USSR held in India are expected to give a big boost to tourist traffic between the two countries. In adition tourism seminars have been organised both in USSR and India to strengthen tourism ties between the two countries. Production of publicity literature and training of guides in Russian language, and setting up of Indian restaurants in Soviet Union to popularise Indian cuisine are some of the measures taken for increasing the flow of tourist traffic from USSR to India.

Sailing of the vessel Sanjeevani

2305. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the exact cause of the sailing of the vessel 'Sanjeevani' from the Cochin Shipyard recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for such losses; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) S. S. SANJEEVANI, a transhipper owned by M/s. Salgaocar & Bros. underwent repairs at Cochin Shipyard. After undergoing extensive repairs, the ship left the Cochin Shipyard on 20th October, 1988

(c) & (d) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the loss suffered by Cochin Shipyard in the repair work. The decision to accept the shiprepair order was taken by a negotiating committee consisting of GM(Works), GM(Finance), CM(SRO), CM(Commercial), CM(Finance) and DM(Commercial) of CSL and was taken at a time when the Shipyard's facilities were under-utilised. In view of this, no action against any officer has been taken for incurring a lossin the shiprepar work.

Birla Institute of Technology Mesra, Ranchi

2396. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government grants have been extended to Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi for post